THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Copyright infringement is an offence as per the provisions of the Copyright Act, 1957. The Act has already been amended by the Copyright (Amendment) Act, 1984 to provide for enhanced and stringent punishment for copyright infringement so as to have a deterrent effect. The amended Act makes copyright infringement a cognizable offence.

Abuse of Office by Deputy Commissioner (Personnel) of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

1419. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state what are the specific complaints of abuse of office which recently been reecived by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan against their Deputy Commissioner (Personnel)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): The following four allegations were made against the Deputy Commissioner (Personnel) of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan:—

(a) Admission of ineligible wards of his relatives;

(b) Favouritism in appointment of near relatives;

(c) Sale of 'Escape from Transfers'; and

(d) Usurption of his colleague's designation.

These allegations have been looked into by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and found to be unsubstantiated.

Payment of dues to financial institutions by the Indian Shipping Companies

1420. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Shipping Companies have been allowed to reschedule payment of their dues to financial institutions;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any other special concesions have been offered to the Indian shipping companies to increase their Cargo traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Government have granted rescheduleement of instalments and interst for defaults of shipping companies upto March, 1983, as detailed in the annexure. (See Appendix cxxxix, Annexure No. 84.)

(c) The following assistance has been extended to Indian shipping with regard to cargo traffic:—

(i) With a view to ensuring greater share of cargo for Indian vessels India has entered into bilateral shipping Agreements which provide for parity in cargo liftings and freight earnings;

(ii) There are standing instructions to Public Sector Undertakings/Government Departments to negotiate as far as possible, C and F exports and FOB imports. These are designed to maximise cargo availability to Indian Lines.

(iii) Share of Indian Shipping Lines in the carriage of Iron Ore exported by MMTC has been brought up through successful negotiations;

(iv) The use of foreign flag vessels in the oil trade has been brought down by aranging acquisition of suitable takers for Indian shipping companies.

(v) with a view to encourage use of Indian vessels it has been decided that:

(a) the freight paid shall not be debited to the fact value of import licence if the ocean freight is paid in non-convertible rupees in India and the goods are carried on Indian vessels and

(b) the exporters will be given replenishment licence on exports in question at the rate of 11 per cent if the